

UNIT 18

(SEE PAGE 100 FOR UNIT 18 MAP)

This unit consists of that area draining into the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers downstream from a straight line drawn between Lower Kalskag and Paimiut and the drainages flowing into the Bering Sea from Cape Newenham on the south to and including the Pastolik River drainage on the north; Nunivak, St. Matthew, and adjacent islands between Cape Newenham and the Pastolik River.

Special Provisions:

- The **Kalskag Controlled Use Area** is closed to the use of aircraft for hunting any ungulate, bear, wolf, or wolverine, including the transportation of any hunter and ungulate, bear, wolf, or wolverine part. The Area consists of that portion of Unit 18 bounded by a line from Lower Kalskag on the Kuskokwim River, north-westerly to Russian Mission on the Yukon River, then east along the north bank of the Yukon River to the old site of Paimiut, then back to Lower Kalskag. However, this does not apply to transportation of a hunter or ungulate, bear, wolf, or wolverine part by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the Controlled Use Area or between a publicly owned airport within the Area and points outside the Area.
- The **Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area** is open to brown bear hunting by State registration permit in lieu of a resident tag. The Area consists of Unit 17(A), that portion of 17(B) draining into Nuyakuk Lake and Tikchik Lake, Unit 18, and that portion of Unit 19(A) and (B) downstream of and including the Aniak River drainage. No resident tag is required for taking brown bears in the Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area, provided that the hunter has obtained a State registration permit prior to hunting. See Page 15 for sealing requirements.
- A firearm may be used to take beaver under a trapping license in Unit 18 from Apr. 1 - June 10.
- A Federally-qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally-qualified subsistence user to take caribou on his or her behalf. The designated hunter must obtain a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time.

An "All rural residents" designation in the following customary and traditional use determinations means that a specific determination has not yet been made.

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

BLACK BEAR

- Residents of Unit 18, Unit 19(A) living downstream of the Holokuk River, Holy Cross, Stebbins, St. Michael, Togiak, and Twin Hills

3 bears

July 1 - June 30

BROWN BEAR

- Residents of Akiachak, Akiak, Eek, Goodnews Bay, Kwethluk, Mountain Village, Napaskiak, Platinum, Quinhagak, St. Marys and Tuluksak.

1 bear by State registration permit only

Sept. 1 - May 31

See Special Provision for Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area above. Contact ADF&G for permit hunt details.

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

CARIBOU

- Unit 18 - Residents of Kwethluk
- Unit 18 - South of the Yukon River (Kilbuck Herd only) - Residents of Tuluksak, Akiak, Akiachak, Kwethluk, Bethel, Oscarville, Napaskiak, Napakiak, Kasigluk, Atmautluak, Nunapitchuk, Tuntutuliak, Eek, Quinhagak, Goodnews Bay, Platinum, Togiak and Twin Hills
- Unit 18 - North of the Yukon River - Residents of Alakanuk, Andreafsky, Chevak, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Marshall, Mountain Village, Pilot Station, Pitka's Point, Russian Mission, St. Marys, St. Michael, Scammon Bay, Sheldon Point, and Stebbins

*For Federal designated hunter permits and information on local availability, contact the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge office in Bethel.
(See Page 178 for complete address)*

Unit 18 - That portion south of the Yukon River - Kilbuck Caribou Herd only - A harvest limit of up to 5 caribou will be determined at the time the season is opened based on management objectives in the Qavilnguut (Kilbuck) Caribou Herd Cooperative Management Plan

Season to be announced by the Yukon-Delta National Wildlife Refuge Manager between Aug. 25 and Mar. 31

Unit 18 - That portion north of the Yukon River - 5 caribou per day

Aug. 1 - Mar. 31

MOOSE

- Unit 18 - That portion of the Yukon River drainage upstream of Russian Mission and that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream of, but not including the Tuluksak River drainage - Residents of Unit 18 and residents of Upper and Lower Kalskag, Aniak and Chuathbaluk
- Unit 18 - Remainder - Residents of Unit 18 and residents of Upper and Lower Kalskag

Federal public lands in Unit 18 are closed to the hunting of moose, except by rural Alaska residents included in the above customary and traditional use determinations during Federal open seasons.

Unit 18 - South of and including the Kanektok River drainages

No Federal open season

Unit 18 - Kuskokwim River drainage - 1 antlered bull.

Aug. 25 - Sept. 25

A 10-day hunt (1 bull, evidence of sex required) will be opened by announcement sometime between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28.

Winter season to be announced

Unit 18 - That portion west of but not including the Andreafsky River drainage and north and west of a line from Mountain Village to Kuzilvak Mountain and then to Cape Romanzof - 1 antlered bull

Sept. 5 - Sept. 25

Remainder of Unit 18 - 1 antlered bull.
A 10-day hunt (1 bull, evidence of sex required) will be opened sometime between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30
Winter season to be announced

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
MUSK OX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Federal subsistence priority 		No Federal open season
COYOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 coyotes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phases) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 foxes	Sept. 1 - Apr. 30
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1	Sept. 1 - Mar. 15
HARE (Snowshoe and Tundra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	No limit	July 1 - June 30
LYNX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	2 lynx	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
WOLF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11-13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16-26 	5 wolves	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
WOLVERINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	1 wolverine	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
GROUSE (Spruce, Blue, Ruffed, and Sharp-tailed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	15 per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10 - Apr. 30
PTARMIGAN (Rock, Willow, and White-tailed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rural residents 	20 per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - May 30

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BEAVER • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 1 - June 10
COYOTE • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phase) • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases) • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
LYNX • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
MARTEN • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
MINK AND WEASEL • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Jan. 31
MUSKRAT • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - June 10
OTTER • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
WOLF • Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11 - 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16 - 26	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
WOLVERINE • All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31